



Friday News

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Well done to this week's
Steeton Superstars

<i>Saplings</i> Salahuddin Ali		<i>Seedlings</i> Elijah Kay	
<i>Maple</i> Serah Jibin	<i>Oak</i> Hareem Hussain	<i>Willow</i> Joseph Scarr	
<i>Elder</i> Amina Yasin	<i>Fir</i> Rosie Lee	<i>Rowan</i> Evaniya Sijo	
<i>Ash</i> Zaki Khan	<i>Holly</i> Riya Riju	<i>Silver Birch</i> Ellie Seward	

Well we are more than halfway through this half term – time really does fly when you are having fun. And we have had lots of fun around school this week.

In last week's news, I failed to mention the planetarium we had in school – although I did include a photograph. Years 3-6 were treated to a spectacular visual feast based around science and space. The planetarium itself resembled a huge dome-shaped tent, which filled the hall. Inside, children sat on the floor and watched presentations which made objects and images appear and move more realistically. There were lots of, 'ooohs' and, 'aaaahs' coming from inside the planetarium throughout the day and everyone really enjoyed it. What a treat it would be to visit The Natural History Museum in New York where their planetarium has almost 500 seats!

Mrs Birtwistle talked about British values in assembly on Monday: democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs. She focused on mutual respect and through the story of The Mouse and The Lion, we thought about how we can show mutual respect throughout our community.

We never stop learning at Steeton – and that includes the adults. Miss Bingham has spent a lot of time training and refreshing staff knowledge and skills in Read, Write, Inc. phonics this week. Learning to read – to decode and then to develop fluency and comprehension – is so important. Children have phonics lessons every day in Key Stage 1 and please remember that:

- Your child will bring a book home to read and practise with you
- The book they bring home will be at the right level for them to decode independently
- Teachers will send home quality resources for you to practise at home
- Reading with your child for pleasure is the best gift you can give

We have had some fantastic sporting results this week. Mrs Foulds took her netball team to The Holy Family School. We played St. Joseph's school and won 5-1. The team really are going from strength to strength and as I walked through the hall after school on Thursday, they were already training hard in preparation for the final on 22nd February. Well done to the team: Gabby, Anaya, Moss, Leila, Amelia and Naimh.

Mr Shaw took a group of runners to the Bradford schools cross country final at Cliffe Castle on Wednesday. Steeton performed to a superb standard, with all runners doing themselves proud: Alex, Logan, Arthur, Albie, Florence, Anna, Annabel, Kara, Hollie and a special mention to Joseph, who is Y5 boys' champion. We wait to hear if some of our runners will represent West Yorkshire in the next round.

The 99 Club officially has members! Our new club supports the learning of mathematical times table recall and has been a hit in school so far. The very first member was Musa, closely followed by Charlie, Joseph, Esa, Hawwa and Zaynah. Look out for future updates, as we have several more children ready to take their 99 Club test today.

I met with the principal engineer from Bradford Traffic and Highways District Road Safety team on Friday, along with Caroline Whitaker from Craven Council and PC Beck. We discussed the ways in which we can make it safer around Market and School Street, particularly at the end of the school day. Issues that were highlighted were: road traffic emissions in very close proximity to school and the impact on children's health, congestion on the pavements on Market Street, inconsiderate parking and general road safety. We will continue to work together to do all we can to ensure that children are safe. As always, a reminder that we will not release children from the school gate to an adult in a car for health and safety reasons. You must find an appropriate place to park and collect your child on foot. Please park responsibly and with consideration for other parents, who need to use the pavement, and also residents.

You may be aware of the latest TikTok trend – Prime drinks. We have had a couple of children bringing these into school. Please be aware that Prime Energy drinks are not suitable for children due to the high caffeine content. Children should only bring water to school in their water bottles.

Next week will be disrupted due to the scheduled industrial action by the National Education Union (NEU). I understand that the situation will have an impact upon your usual routines and will require flexibility from families. Please be aware that attendance will not be affected by school's closure on Wednesday. Decisions to take industrial action are never taken lightly and I know that it has been a difficult decision for Steeton staff concerned.

Work that is directly linked to our school curriculum will not be sent home for the day – staff cannot be asked to prepare and set work in advance. Nor are staff that are not striking compelled to do this in their place. However, there are many resources available online to support your child for the day should you wish to access them. White Rose Maths [CPD Training | Free maths resources | White Rose Maths](#), Oxford Owl [Oxford Owl for Home: help your child learn at home - Oxford Owl](#) and Oak Academy [Oak National Academy Online Classroom \(thenational.academy\)](#) have plenty of resources to keep your child busy at home academically. There is also the usual Times Table Rock Stars, reading and spellings.

Date	Event
1 st February	KS2 Performing Arts workshop at South Craven
2 nd February	Ash class trip to Grassington

8 th February	Safer Internet Day
8 th February	Netball tournament at Holy Family 4pm
8 th February	KS1 trip to Tropical World
9 th February	Cross Country at Cliffe Castle
9 th February	Whole school book look – all parents welcome – more info next week
10 th February	Wear your SCARF to school day
10 th February	School closes for the half term break

Enjoy the weekend,

Miss C Redman



Please ensure your child is in correct PE kit...black shorts with black long trousers over the top, white t-shirt and school jumper. Plain black trainers should be worn.

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Remember to inform us of any changes to contact details or medical information



99 Club, cross country, netball, Oak made their own butter and bread, African art in EYFS, spelling champions in Holly...just snippets of the week at Steeton.